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Dear Partners,

Greetings! A few quick reminders and updates for this month:

### Reminders:

- 1) Interim Reports are due on **August 1**. We look forward to receiving them!
- 2) If you haven't already completed the life skill survey for the Annual Meeting, please do so and send your responses to the attention of Kim Ascoli.
- 3) Applications for the Make a Connection Exchange Program are due by **August 31**. Please contact your Regional Manager if you are interested.
- 4) Newsletter Sign up -- As most of you already know, Make a Connection produces a periodic e-newsletter that is distributed to members of this network, the public, select Nokia staff, and others. It's come to our attention that some of you may not be receiving the newsletter. To sign up, please visit [www.makeaconnection.org](http://www.makeaconnection.org) and enter your email address in the lower right hand corner!

### Upcoming Publications

- *Our Time is Now*

We are putting the final touches on a new book, *Our Time Is Now: Young People Changing the World*, to be released in November 2005. The 170-page book celebrates the vital role that young people play in leading positive change around the world. Highlighted in the book are the stories of more than 25 youth (including two Make a Connection graduates in the Philippines and Russia) who are leading efforts to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS, combat child labor, protect the environment, and advocate for the rights of women, children, and minorities. The book, which was inspired by the stories of past YouthActionNet winners, is being produced by IYF with generous support from Nokia and the Pearson Foundation. Woven throughout are quotes and essays by the Dalai Lama, Queen Rania of Jordan, Christiane Amanpour, Mary Robinson, Ricky Martin, and a host of corporate and NGO leaders underscoring the tremendous contributions of today's youth leaders. A companion web-based initiative is also in development. In the weeks to come, we will provide you with regular updates on this exciting development.

- *What Works Publication*

As part of IYF's "What Works in Youth Development" publication series, we will be issuing a publication on "*Alliances for Youth: What Works in CSR Partnerships*". The publication will profile recent best-in-class initiatives, each made successful as a result of an innovative partnership between corporate and NGO partners. The publication will examine the concrete problems and opportunities these corporate and NGO leaders navigated while establishing successful cross-organization collaboration. These include defining partnership roles, aligning issues, establishing project governance and accountability, communicating, overseeing project implementation, and measuring societal

impact. The publication is due to be published in October.

### **Resources on Youth Development and Life Skills**

We've posted a number of interesting studies/reports/articles on youth development/life skills on the extranet with short blurbs on each. You can find them in the resource center. We hope you will have the opportunity to check them out.

### **Make a Connection Staff Transitions:**

After 14 years with China's Youth and Development Foundation (CYDF), Mr. Dongyu Gan will be leaving his position as Executive Director of the International Center effective 31 July. We wish him the best of luck in his new position as Vice President for Development and Government Relations with Junior Achieve China. Ms. Yang Peidan (Tiffany) will continue to serve as the Program Director for the Make a Connection Project in China.

Mr. Ntutule Tshenye, CEO of the Youth Development Trust (YDT), has resigned from his position effective the end of this month. He will be managing Community Investment programs in West, East, Central Africa and the Indian Ocean Islands for a multinational corporation. We have enjoyed working with Ntutule for the past 4 years and wish him all the best in his new position. Ms. Ndabi Ntuli has been named as interim CEO.

Kids & Future has recently restructured its Strategic Alliance Team. Ms. Yejun Choi (Noel) is the new Manager for the entire team. Ms. Ji Choi (Eva) will now serve as the primary contact for the Make a Connection project in South Korea. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms. Sunok Lee (Janey) for her hard work and wish her much success in her continued work with Kids & Future.

Finally, we would like to welcome Monica Hernandez who recently joined Fundación Rostros y Voces, our partner in Mexico.

Warm Regards,  
IYF Make a Connection Team